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FROM RCAA DWOR

1. RCAA FULLY CONCURS SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH SELECTED GULF AIR DIRECTORS WOULD PROVE HIGHLY USEFUL AS RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY DOHA REFTEL (A). ACCORDINGLY, RCAA ADVANCING ARRIVAL DATE DOHA TO APRIL 19. REVISED ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

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(DEPARTURE DOHA APRIL 22 WITH ITINERARY AS CITED REFTTEL B)

2. WITH REGARD PARA 5 REFTTEL B, LATER DATA FROM MCDONNELL DOUGLAS SHOWS NO. OF DC-9'S IN SERVICE OR ON ORDER 812 WITH 57 AIRLINES, EXCLUDING 42 DC-9'S (C-9A, C-9B, VC-9C) SOLD TO USG (USAF, USN), GOVT OF KUWAIT AND GOVT OF ITALY. BOEING 737 SALES DATA AND BAC-111 SALES DATA SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT AS CITED PARA 5 REFTTEL B.

3. IN ADDITION TO PERFORMANCE AND PROFITABILITY DEFICIENCIES BRITISH TWINJET CITED REFTTEL B, RCAA ALSO NOTES MARGINAL BAC-111-500 TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS FROM HIGH AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AIRPORTS AS COMPARED TO U.S. TWINJETS. FURTHER BAC 111-500 REQUIRES COSTLY, INCONVENIENT WATER-INJECTION FOR ITS TWO ROLLS ROYCE SPEY 512-14DW FANJETS ON HIGH TEMPERATURE, HIGH-PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR TAKEOFF OPERATIONS. WE ALSO NOTE BRITISH AIRWAYS EUROPEAN DIVISION (FORMERLY BEA) PROMISE OF LARGE SUBSIDY FROM BRITISH GOVERNMENT (SINCE PAID) BEFORE ORDERING BAC 111-500'S ON JANUARY 27, 1967. SUBSIDY, IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 35 MILLION POUNDS STERLING, COVERED ADDED OPERATING COSTS AND REDUCED PROFITABILITY OF BAC 111-500 (18 AIRCRAFT) HAWKER SIDDELEY TRIDENT 3 (26 AIRCRAFT) FLEET AS COMPARED TO PREFERRED U.S. AIRCRAFT (737-200/727-200).

4. FOR AMMAN: RCAA REGRETS NEW ITINERARY CANCELS OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER LLOYD GEORGE AND ALIA'S NISAR ARYNE. HOWEVER, SEPARATE RCAA CIVIL AIR VISIT AMMAN WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR NEAR FUTURE. VOLPE

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